

Wilmington 5/21 - 1846 -

To Mr. W. Chapman,

Esteemed friend,

I have been informed that the consideration of matters relating to Nat. A.S. Standard is left to a committee, of which thou art one, who invite those interested to communicate their views upon the subject. I will therefore trouble thee with my cogitations, thus as Friends say "relieving my own mind, whether they be found of any consequence to others or not.

It has seemed to me, that the Nat. A.S. Standard, should be supported, entirely independent of subscribers, and be circulated gratis among our most intelligent opponents, honorable, dignified thoughtful men, whether of the North or South -

Comments upon passing events, written in the light of Anti Slavery truth would be thus presented simultaneously to many thinking men in the country - rich articles, pure, whole souled sentiments - and heart-strengthening doctrines, that draw but an aperting nod - or an "oh yes, just so," I have long thought so, from abolitionists would be almost like the lightening flash to honest minds, that have always been groping in the thick fogs of political expediency -

Such a paper would be rid of the twaddle that a local organ must admit - and our battle squirts of all kinds could be fought out in other papers - Quincy might curb his wit a little - and S. M. Gay might be a little sparing of his epithets - as their honorable readers might prove more belligerent than their Anti Slavery Friends - And we should be loath they should share the

gate of poor Pleasants - but they would be exerted to more effect, and would write to more effect, if made secure of readers who would feel their weight. Not that Abolitionists do not appreciate them as they deserve - but that they know that they will be understood by those who have known them and concluding that a word to the wise is sufficient, many an article is inserted without much comment - that would entirely mislead one, not a regular reader. I have heard that some read Gov. Hammond's letters as pure Anti Slavery - and were pleased to find that Abolitionists had, at last become so reasonable! a mere pro Slavery heading of a column is not sufficient for such casual readers.

Such a paper would require much labor and talent - and have we not that of the roughest and best, running to waste? I read some of our glorious articles, sometimes with a sigh, to think how they are lost among us - none of the political papers having the grace to copy them -

As to the expense - I believe many who have thrown up the Standard - merely because they found the Penn. Freeman sufficient, and did not time to read both - would gladly subscribe again in order to have it sent to those who might be benefitted by it - and a fund would be raised with great ease, by a few agents at the County meetings through the Summer - but if the Standard is to make to suit the Abolitionists of Western N. York as a mere organ of A.B.S. men - it is not likely that many here will be induced to take it merely to support it for the benefit

of societies that might take care of themselves—

My Sister, E. K. Burleigh requests to be very affectionately remembered to thee—

With Much Esteem

I am very sincerely

My friend

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Dear Friend,

Upon second thought I will say here, instead of writing a letter another time, as I had intended, that Robert Douglass wished me to tell thee, that "there were several sketches of his, which he values very highly, entrusted to thy care, at the same time he left the large framed picture, that he would like thee to send to him, if thee can find them, among thy papers, & if not to let him know what has become of them". One of them, the bust of a young woman he wants very much, as the lady has deceased, & her friends are solicitous to get this of Robert. Please attend to his request, as he is as sensitive as Raymond to all neglect.

If Wm L. Garrison has not yet forwarded the painting he had in charge ask him to, ^{please} do so immediately by Express, to Post Office Philad^a for R. Douglass. — I promised some time ago to write this for Robert, but have been remiss.

After your Rural Fair is over, (How I wish I could be at Dedham then with you,) thee will please remember thy promise to forward to us, the tidies you are unable to sell, and any other matters from abroad, that have had their run with you, & which you think upon consideration yourselves & upon consultation with Mary Grew would find sale here. It would be of great advantage to our Fair, if we could get them, or know just what kind of things you intend sending to us, before our sewing circles begin working.

What thinkst thou of this War, & its consequences to our Cause. Will the privateering upon the seas, prevent your receiving

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your usual donations from abroad? — As to the Standard, if Con-
tinued at all, I like sister's plan, but doubt its being wise at pres-
ent to keep it up. — Could not the money be expended more wisely?

I am glad Mary Grew will be with you, at your Conve-
tion, I hope she will feel strengthened by communion with you as
I was last winter. She is a noble woman, as you well know. &
a speaker, Charles thinks very highly of her, "Always using fault-
less language, most beautifully & forcibly," I hope she may
'be moved' to open her mouth for the dumb, in your Convention.

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Maria W. Chapman

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Never shall I forget the day I spent at your house. It often
is lived over again. It is always fresh & pure, as the cooling spring.

I hear that some of you intend being at our August meetg, will
you not lay out to spend a day at least in Bristol with us. If so
I will have some friends from the City to meet you there. — My love to "all
the true & faithful generally", but to none more than to thyself, for
thou art warmly beloved, by thy friend,

E. W. Burleigh